Summary of Core CON Report Principles

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Purpose

To provide control of health care utilization where demand is heavily influenced by supply; stability of the health delivery system; and community input into the decision-making process.

Principles

- Charity care and uncompensated care,
- Participation in public programs,
- Consideration of public's health,
- Evidence-based decisions,
- Within context of strategic health planning process,
- Flexible in rapidly changing industry,
- Focus is always on cost/quality/access, and balancing innovation with stability,
- Evaluation focus is on outcomes,
- Facilities should always be on path to best practices,
- Tie in CON with other agencies and the Technology Assessment effort,
- Monitoring is very important; tie in to licensing,
- Appropriately insulate against politics,
- Maintain feedback loop between CON and other relevant agencies
- Monitoring is reinforced by enforcement, and
- Availability of data is important.